

National Survey On Unemployment Benefits

Key findings from nationwide telephone survey among 802 registered voters*

*Margin of error = ±3.5 percentage points

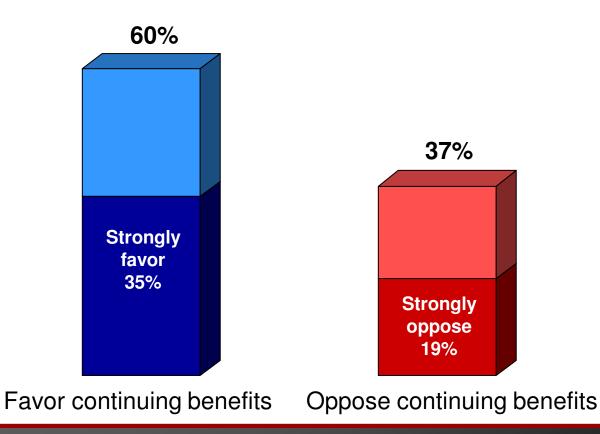
Conducted November 5 – 8, 2010 *for*





Strong Support For Continuing UI Benefits

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Support For Continuing UI Benefits, Among Key Subgroups

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	Favor	Oppose
All voters	60%	37%
Northeast	62%	35%
South	62%	34%
Midwest	60%	36%
West	55%	42%
High school/less education	65%	31%
Some college	58%	38%
College graduates	57%	41%
Whites African-American Hispanic	56% 79% 68%	40% 19% 28%
White non-college graduates	58%	37%
White college graduates	53%	45%





Voters Reject Argument To Cut Benefits Because of Deficit

With which statement do you agree more?

With unemployment at 9.6% and millions still out of work, it is too early to start cutting back benefits for workers who lost their jobs

Agree much more 47%

73%

With the federal deficit over \$1 trillion, it is time for the government to start cutting back on unemployment benefits for the unemployed



24%

	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Too early to cut	83%	80%	55%
Time to cut	16%	16%	38%





Continue Benefits Until UnemploymentRate Drops

Traditionally, the federal government has provided unemployment benefits to jobless workers who have exhausted their state benefits during times of high unemployment, and the current program began in July 2008. In your view, should the federal government continue to provide benefits until the unemployment rate comes down substantially, or not continue to provide benefits?

All voters

67%

Continue to provide benefits

27%

Don't continue to provide benefits

	Demo- crats	Inde- pendents	Repub- licans
Continue benefits	82%	70%	49%
Don't continue	14%	28%	40%



